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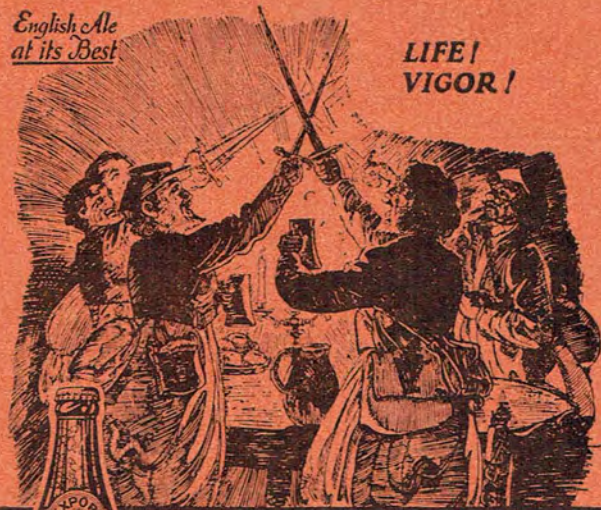
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The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., June 17th, 1924.

With the Permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.

His Majesty King George V., who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Dragoons celebrated his 59th birthday on June 3rd. All ranks of the Regiment wish him Health and Happiness "Long to Reign over Us."

The long delayed summer seems to have arrived at last, and those of us who a few weeks ago were complaining about the cold are now grumbling about the heat. The Richelieu River is becoming a popular place after the day's work, and one is forced to admit that the Barracks, though rather cold and windy during the winter months, are situated in an ideal spot for recreation on a hot summer's day.

Since the Militia Unite have arrived in Camp the "Weather Man" has distinguished himself, and seems to be trying hard to make amends for the rough treatment he has given them in the past.

The summer time is always a busy season for the Permanent Force, and when other people are talking about going away for a summer holiday, we find ourselves working at top speed with Camps, Courses, etc. Nevertheless, are we not most fortunate that we are able to spend most of our working hours in the open air, instead of at an office stool or in a sweltering hot factory?

In publishing the two pictures this month, of the group of members of the Regiment who served in France who are still serving with "A" Squadron, and the group of N.C.O.'s in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; it is interesting to note that the present strength of the Squadron is only 95 all ranks. We, therefore, have over 22% of our strength consisting of men who served with the Regiment Overseas, and over 9% wearing the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Every Soldier of the Empire will regret the untimely death of Major-General Sir Charles V. F. Townshend, K.C.B., D.S.O., which occurred in Paris on May 18th, undoubtedly hastened by the hardships and strain he endured during his gallant defence of Kut-el-Amara for 148 days.

Major-General Townshend was born in 1861. He entered the Royal Marines in 1881, and saw extensive military service in Egypt, India and South Africa. At the outbreak of the Great War he was given command of the British Forces, in the attempt to take Bagdad from the Turks.

That he was regarded as a brave and gallant soldier by friend as well as foe, was shown when the Turkish commander permitted him to retain his sword after the surrender of Kut-el-Amara.

We are pleased to publish a letter from Captain F. C. Powell, L.S.H., telling us of the doings of the "Straths" in Winnipeg. We are encouraged to know that other units of the Permanent Force take an interest in our publication, and letters of this nature will always be greatly appreciated. Needless to say the bond of friendship between the "Straths" and ourselves is very strong, not only because they belong to the same branch of the service as ourselves, but on account of the many very pleasant memories we have of their close associations with us overseas.

We have received and read with interest "The Mechanicalization of Cavalry," by Captain E. L. M. Burns, M.C., R.C.E., which appears in the April number of the "Canadian Defence Quarterly." Time does not permit us to comment on his article this month, but we hope to have a few remarks to make on the subject in the near future.

In the meantime we wish to assure all Cavalrymen that when-



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Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

ever they are discussing our branch of the service they need never do so in an "undertone of tremorous apology." To Captain Burns we might respectively suggest a Ford.

Messrs. Stewart, Denault & Co. announce that they would like to arrange a competition of biscuit or pastry making between the ladies occupying quarters at the Cavalry Barracks. All exhibits must be made of "Walzen Pastry Flour" which is advertised in "The Goat". The competition is

to be judged by a committee selected by the ladies of the Barracks, with a representative of Stewart, Denault & Co. present. Messrs. Stewart, Denault & Co. offer as prizes a 1/2 bag Walzen Flour for the winner, a 25 lb. bag for second and a 7 lbs. bag for third.

Now is the time to get busy and practice to see what you can do. "The Goat" will be pleased to arrange the final details of the competition, and suggest that it be held the latter part of July or early in August.

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Lieut. Col. F. Worthington Hollyday, United States Artillery, who is the Commanding Officer of Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, was the guest of Major and Mrs. D. B. Bowie on the 24th May.

Lieut. J. Ronald Macdonell, 9th Lancers, was a visitor at the Cavalry Barracks last month. Lieut. Macdonell is on leave from his regiment which is at present stationed at Sarafend, Palestine.

The Rev. Mr. Whitney, of Bedford, was the guest of Major and Mrs. D. B. Bowie on Sunday, June 15th.

Major Hubert Stethem, R.C.D., has been elected Commodore of the St. Johns Yacht Club.

Lt. Col. J. Duhault, O.B.E., Royal Canadian Army Veterinary Corps, of Quebec, is attached to the Royal School of Cavalry for the duration of the Camp. Lt. Clo. Duhault commanded the Mobile Veterinary Section with the Canadian Cavalry Brigade during the war, and we are pleased to welcome him to the Station.

Arrangements have been made to have the Barracks orchestra play at the Saturday night dances at the St. Johns Yacht Club during the summer.

C.S.M.I. Clarke and A/Sgt. Bert, The R.C.R., are attached to "A" Sqn. R.C.D. for one month and are taking a preliminary course in Physical Training under the instruction of S.S.M.I. P. Boudreau, R.C.D. On the completion of this course they will proceed to the Royal Military College at Kingston to attend the Physical Training Instructors' course for three months.

Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D., is leaving next week for Sussex, N.B., where he will be the Cavalry Instructor at the 16 day Camp School which is being held there.

Captain M. Drury, R.C.D., and Q.M.S.I. J. Brown, R.C.D., have been detailed to report on June 30th to The Canadian Small Arms School at Connaught Ranges, where they will be employed on instructional duty until October 9th.

Sergeant J. King, M.S.M., R.C.D., has been transferred from "A" Squadron at St. Johns to "B" Squadron, Toronto. Sergt. King served with "B" Sqn. dur-

ing the war, and on the re-organization came down to St. Johns in 1920; in returning to his wartime Squadron he leaves many friends behind in St. Johns.

Before leaving for Toronto Sgt. King was presented with a gold watch and chain, by the members of the 1st Troop.

Sergeant Boisseau, C.M.S.C., of H.Q. Military District No. 4, Montreal, has been attached to the Orderly Room staff at this Station for the period of the Cavalry Camp School.

S.Q.M.S. Nicholls, R.C.A.V.C. of Quebec, is attached for duty with the Cavalry Camp here.

The following have purchased their discharge during the past month:—Tprs. McArthur, Laughran, Dousette, Short and Duffy. Tpr. Laughran was an overseas man, and has been with the Squadron for several years. Tpr. Short enlisted at Toronto shortly after the Regiment re-organized and came down to St. Johns with us in 1920. He was a good athlete and held the "LeBlanc" Challenge Cup for dismounted sports for two years in succession. Tpr. Duffy was a neat boxer, and won his bout against McSweeney, of the 3rd U.S. Cavalry in our Boxing Tournament held last winter.

A large open fireplace has just been installed in the ante-room of the Station Sergeants' Mess; this will be a great improvement to their already handsome and comfortable room.

Militia Notes.**Montreal Garrison Church Parade**

The annual Church Parade of the Montreal Garrison took place on Sunday afternoon, June 1st, and was by far the largest military parade held in Montreal since the war, the parade state showing a total of 4,200 all ranks.

Services were held at Christ Church Cathedral, the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the Church of St. James the Apostle, and the Basilica of St. James. The units marched independently to their respective places of worship where short services were held, then formed up in order of march on University St. At 4 p.m. the long column moved off, turning west on Sherbrooke St., passing the saluting point which was at the steps of the Art Gallery. Brig.-General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel

Commandant Military District No. 4, and his Staff led the column past the saluting point and then took their places beside the Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence who took the salute. Next came the detachment of Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, who were in Montreal for the Military Tournament, under the command of Captain F. M. W. Harvey, V.C., M.C., Crix de Guerre, L.S.H.(R.C.). The Cadets by their excellent marching, and their smart appearance in their red tunics and old fashioned "pill boxes" drew many bursts of applause from the thousands of spectators who lined the streets. Then followed Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, Machine Gunners, and other Services, each unit looking exceptionally smart and following the traditions of the Regiments they represented. Not only were the regiments following their traditions, but their traditions were literally following them; for behind each Regiment marched detachments of their veterans, some in uniform, some in mufti, some wore medals of wars previous to the last great one, and some bore scars that even time and advancement of Medical Science will never heal. With the Victoria Rifles of Canada marched a blind man, and others marched minus a leg, but all passed the saluting base with the smart "eyes right" that a trained soldier never forgets.

Several of the Regiments carried their Colours with them, and hats were raised as a mark of respect as they passed.

The bands of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Grenadier Guards, the Royal Highlanders of Canada, and the Bugle Band of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, in their pre-war uniforms added touches of old time splendor to the parade, while the now familiar strains of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" and "La Madelon" were heard as the Royal Montreal Regiment, and the Carabiniers Mount Royal swung past the saluting base.

A surprisingly large percentage of men in the ranks wore medals and the splendid physique of the younger recruits proves that the Militia are certainly not wanting in quality.

The Cadet Corps showed by their appearance and marching that they have all attained a high state of efficiency, and will no doubt be a most useful recruiting field for the Militia. With the Hon. Mr. Macdonald at the Saluting Point were Gen. Sir Arthur

Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Major Gen. J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Major Gen. H. Panet, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Major Gen. Sir Archibald Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. and Major Gen. Sir Frederick Loomis, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Cpls. Neeves and Gilmour of "A" Sqn. R.C.D., in review order with lances, acted as markers at the limits of the saluting point.

The Minister of National Defence in addressing Brig. Gen. Armstrong and the officers of the Garrison after the parade, congratulated them upon the precision and steadiness shown in the march past, and said that each unit gave evidence of careful training, adding he was certain that each one was entirely efficient; he also expressed his personal appreciation of the devotion shown by the officers, saying that he recognized that each one who served did so only through a sense of duty.

Le Regiment de Maisonneuve, who have recently been reorganized as a City Regiment, made their first appearance in a Garrison parade at the Church parade and created a most favourable impression.

Changes in Command.

Lt. Col. R. F. Stockwell has resigned from the Command of the 11th Hussars, and Major J. R. McLeod has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Col. to command the Regiment.

Lt. Col. E. Gill, M.C., is resigning from the 17th D.Y.R.C.H., and the regiment will be commanded by Lt. Col. L. McM. Hooker.

Cavalry Camp School.

Saturday, June 14th was a busy day in St. Johns, as the Militia Units arrived for their annual training. The training this year will be conducted as a Camp School, each unit coming into Camp with a reduced establishment, consisting of Officers and N.C.O.'s who wish to qualify for their ranks, and a certain proportion of men to perform the necessary fatigue duties. The candidates have been divided into two groups, the senior group consisting of those officers qualifying for "Field Officers" and "Captains" certificates, and the junior group, those for "Lieutenants" and "N.C.O.'s" certificates. Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., is Camp Commandante, and the instructional and administrative duties are being carried out

by the personnel of "A" Squadron, R.C.D. Six units are represented in camp: The 7th Hussars, commanded by Lt. Col. T. O. Farnsworth, their Regimental Headquarters are situated at Bury, P.Q., and their squadrons located at Bury, Cookshire and Scotstown. The 11th Hussars, with Headquarters at Richmond, P.Q., and squadrons at Danville, Richmond and Bromptonville, are commanded by Lt. Col. J. R. MacLeod. The 13th Scottish Light Dragoons are under the command of Lt. Col. H. E. Eastman, M.C., and come from Waterloo, P.Q. Cowansville and Stanbridge East. The 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, commanded by Lt. Col. L. McM. Hooker, from Montreal, Morin Heights and Lachute. The Eastern Townships Mounted Rifles, from Coaticook, P.Q., Magog and Stanstead, are commanded by Lt. Col. J. R. Wilcox. The 3rd Signal Troop from Sherbrooke, Que., commanded by Lieut. H. R. Honeyman.

The first two days were busy ones, all the units drawing their Ordnance stores, etc., getting settled down, passing the necessary Medical and Veterinary examinations, and answering their names at the Paymaster's Muster. On Monday work started in earnest, and considerable progress in training has already been reported. The daily programme consists of Mounted parades by units from 8.30 a.m. till 11.30 a.m., dismounted parades in the afternoons from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and a lecture for the officers at 6 p.m. This programme together with the necessary routine of camp life makes the day a busy one.

The Camp is situated in the field south of the Barracks on the banks of the Richelieu river, the Officers messing in the Officers' Mess of "A" Squadron, R.C.D. So far the weather has been ideal, and the life of the campers a thoroughly happy one. It is intended to hold a sports day on Thursday, June 26th and dates will be set for the officers' competitions for the Riley Shield and the Merritt Trophy.

The results of the last few years' training are very obvious, men and horses settling down to work like veterans.

The total strength of the camp is 43 officers and 190 other ranks. The camp will last for a period of 16 days.

A Cavalry Camp School will be held at Sussex, N.B., from June 23rd till July 6th. Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D., from this Station, has been detailed to attend

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this Camp as an instructor. Sergt. Instr. F. Cox, R.C.D., will also be on duty there.

An Infantry Camp School for the Infantry units from Military Districts Nos. 4 and 5, will be held at Longueuil commencing on Saturday, June 28th.

It is interesting to note that the Honorary Colonel of the 7th Hussars is Maj.-Gen. The Rt. Hon. J. E. B. Seely, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., late commander of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in France. The Honorary Lieut. Colonel of the 11th Hussars, is Brig. Gen. C. M. Nelles, C.M.G., a former commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. And the Honorary Colonel of the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons, is Lieut. Gen. Sir R. E. W. Turner, V.C., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., who won the Victoria Cross while serving as a subaltern with "A" Squadron, R.C.D., in South Africa.

According to a recent order the Ontario Mounted Rifles have resumed their old title and are now to be called The Mississauga Horse. No doubt this change will be most popular to the members of that famous Regiment, who recruited the 4th C.M.R. Bn. C.E.F., and the 75th Bn. C.E.F., as well as supplying recruits for many other of the Toronto units, including the Depot Squadron R.C.D., during the war.

News from the "Straths."

Fort Osborne Barracks,
Winnipeg,
June 2nd, 1924.

To The Editor "The Goat":

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested by Major E. L. Caldwell that occasional news items of this Squadron might be of interest to your readers and I am, therefore, writing a few paragraphs, in the hope that by hearing of each other's doings we may help to foster the spirit of comradeship between our two Regiments which was so evident when we were brigaded together.

As to personnel, the Squadron Commander is Major C. E. Connolly, D.S.O., who will be remembered as Brigade Major of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade during the latter stages of the war. Major Connolly is at present attending the Senior Officers' School in England, leaving the command

temporarily to Capt. F. C. Powell, M.C., D.C.M., who is assisted by Lieutenants H. R. Rebutt, M.C., D.C.M., P. G. Griffin and R. E. A. Morton.

Among those who are ex-members of the R.C.D. we have Lieut. P. G. Griffin, Squadron Sergeant Major H. R. Henry, acting Sergt. "Mickey" Bowes, whose transport turnouts are a delight to the eye, also C. W. Butt, C. Shea and others who have passed through the Squadron.

There exists in Winnipeg a flourishing branch of the L.S.H. (R.C.) Regimental Old Comrades' Association, probably the strongest in a numerical sense in the whole of the Dominion. Smokers and Dances in the Men's Mess are held during the winter months and every endeavour is made to keep in touch with ex-members of the Regiment. Old Comrades of Units of Cavalry Brigade not having any organization of their own in Winnipeg are invited to become Honorary members and will always be welcomed at any of our gatherings.

Sports of all forms are indulged in, among the more popular being football, baseball, ice hockey, basketball and polo to say nothing of billiards and dances whilst it is even whispered that the Sergeants' Mess possess a Mah Jongg set.

The Squadron is very lucky in the possession of a large Mess Room which affords ample accommodation for about three hundred to dance and can be used for social gatherings of any description besides forming an indoor drill ground in winter. Squadron dances were held twice a month during the past winter in addition to those organized for special purposes such as the Old Comrades' Association, the L.S.H. (R.C.), Cadet Corps, the Sergts. Polo Club and others.

We were all very glad to welcome a brother Cavalryman and an old comrade to the Headquarters of this District when Major E. L. Caldwell was appointed D.A.A. & Q.M.G. in succession to Major P. Hennessey, D.S.O., R.C.A.S.C. Major Caldwell is a polo enthusiast who is rapidly becoming a first class player and has rendered the greatest service to the game in the matter of organization.

Polo was revived last summer when a ground was secured close to barracks. In view of the small number of Officer available, Sergeants were invited to take part, an offer which they accepted in such a manner that they now have the Officers very nearly on the run. A match between the two is

an annual affair on May 24th. This year the Sergeants were most unlucky after having most of the play in their favour to lose by the odd goal in five.

On May 31st the two teams from the St. Charles Country Club paid us a visit and played against both the Officers and the Sergeants. Each team played one long chukka against each other team, the total of goals at the end of play being 3 each to the two St. Charles teams and our Officers and 2 to our Sergeants.

The Squadron is constantly thrown in contact with the Fort Garry Horse who are thoroughly re-organized on a peace footing with a large proportion of overseas Officers and men included.

Brigadier General R. W. Paterson, C.M.G., D.S.O., commands the 6th Mounted Brigade, with Lt. Col. H. I. Stevenson as his Brigade Major. General Paterson is an enthusiastic member of the local Association which is bringing strong pressure to bear in favour of the early completion of the Hudson Bay Railway.

In conclusion may we congratulate you and your Staff on the excellence of your magazine which is widely read by many Strathconas who wish the best of luck and success to their old comrades in the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Powell, Capt.
L.S.H. (R.C.)

Letter Box.

10204 Burton Ave.,
Cleveland Ohio,
12th June 1924.

The Editor, "The Goat":

Dear Sir:

I have pleasure in enclosing draft for my annual subscription to "The Goat". I can assure you I look forward with great pleasure to receiving it every month; this may seem a strange thing for a civilian to say, but when you take into consideration a friendship of about 15 years' standing with members of "A" and "B" squadrons you will readily see that it is only through your columns that I am able to keep track of my good friends and the many interests we all have in common.

Wishing "The Goat" continued success, and with kind regards to my friends of the Sergeants' Mess.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. S. Lee.

Members of The Royal Canadian Dragoons stationed at The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., June 1924, who served with the Regiment in France.



Standing—S.M.(W.O.1) J. Mountford, Staff Sgt. W. T. C. Ellis, S.Q.M.S. J. Snape, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, S.S.M.I. A. M. Doyle, S.S.M. C. W. Smith, Sgt. A. E. Merrix, Tpr. W. E. Manning, Tpr. J. Wright, Sgt. J. King, M.S.M., Tpr. Gardner, Sgt. W. Campbell, M.M., Sgt. W. Hargraves, Sgt. R. Davis.
Sitting—Captain M. H. A. Drury, Captain R. B. LeBlanc, Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., Major H. Stethem, Captain D. A. Grant, M.C., Lieutenant L. D. Hammond.

Old Comrades.

Ex-Pte. Morin was a visitor at the Barracks on the 24th of May.

We must congratulate S.S.M. McClelland, 17th D.Y.R.C.H. (late L/Cpl. "A" Sqn. R.C.D.) on the exceptionally smart turnout of his squadron at the Military Church Parade in Montreal.

Whenever a party from the Squadron have to go in to Montreal, whether on duty, or with a football, hockey team, etc., some of our old-timers always make it a point to look us up. Needless to say we are always delighted to see them. Amongst those who visited us when we were in for the Military Tournament were ex-Ptes. Soucy and Haywood; Haywood had a fine healthy baby in his arms.

"The Goat" is in receipt of a renewal of subscription from Count Guy d'Etchegoyen, whose address is c/o Suez Canal Company, Ismailia, Egypt. Count d'Etchegoyen was attached to the Canadian Cavalry Brigade as an interpreter from the French Mission during the war. We are more than delighted to keep in touch with him and to know that

he still takes an interest in the doings of his Canadian comrades.

Ex-Trumpeter Rodney paid us a visit on Sunday, June 8th. Rodney is now in the gasoline business.

Captain and Mrs. W. J. Whitehead of Three Rivers, Que., were in Montreal for the Military Tournament and Horse Show.

Letters sent to our Wartime Signalling Officer, Lieut. J. H. Fache, at 526 19th Ave., Calgary, Alta., have been returned marked "unknown at this address." If any subscriber happens to know Lieut. Fache's address "The Goat" would be pleased to get it.

We were very pleased to renew acquaintances with Captain Harvey, V.C., M.C., Lord Stratheona's Horse, who was at the Military Tournament in charge of the Gymnastic Squad of the Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College.

The marriage took place last month at Ste. Philomene, County Chateauguay, Que., of Madame Prudhomme and Mr. Wilfrid Lalonde, late of "A" Sqn., R.C.D. "The Goat" extends to Mr. and Mrs. Lalonde the very best of wishes for their future happiness.

"B" Sqn. R.C.D. Hold Field Day.

To Be Annual Affair—Disagreeable Day Failed to Spoil Success of Splendid Military Entertainment.

Gymkhana, the field sports tournament which gets its name from India, and which is the modern substitute for the jousts of other centuries, wherein many of the contestants ended up with a lance amidships, was held yesterday at Stanley Barracks by "B" squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. So successful was the affair, despite the drizzle and wind, that the regiment will make it an annual event.

About two hundred civilians, mostly ladies, watched the feats of horsemanship and athletic skill, and they were not disappointed. Considering that one small unit had to furnish the whole programme, it was an excellent exhibition, and will next year draw a much larger crowd on the reputation established yesterday. Part of the purpose is to bring the city in closer touch with the troops at the barracks, who are an unusually fine, clean-cut type of young men. There were several comedy

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features in the gymkhana programme that kept the juvenile visitors laughing. The potato race, the circus, the bareback wrestling and the clowns were responsible. While all events were going on rooper Gill and Corporal Mercer, in comic costume meandered about the ring performing fanny antics.

The serious efforts of horsemanship, gymnastic feats, dummy thrusting, which now replaces tent pegging, and the alarm race, in which the contestants had to spring from bivouack, put on their puttees, spurs, tunics and belt, and saddle and arm their horses before making a round of the ring drew praise from the experienced judges.

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Guards' Band furnished the music.

Following the field events all the visitors were invited to tea in the officers' quarters, and a social half-hour was spent.

The vaulting team who performed athletic stunts on horseback, consisted of Lieut. W. Chadwick, Sergt. Tamlyn, D.C.M., Trooper Galloway, Lee-Corp. Blake, Lee-Corp. Edgell and Sergt. Buell. With Major R. S. Timmis the same group put on the circus.

Winners.

The winners in the various events were: Individual jumping—1, Tpr. A. Webb; 2, Tpr. J. Wynn; 3, Tpr. A. E. Galloway. Half section jumping—1, Lance Cpl. A. Hutton and Tpr. M. Maloney; 2, Sergt. C. Sayger and Tpr. E. W. McKeown; 2, Tpr. D. Thatcher and Tpr. J. Wynn. Section jumping—Tprs. A. Webb, J. Crossman, J. Rutherford and J. Wynn. Potato race—1, Tpr. A. Murdock; 2, Tpr. V. J. Cullinan; 3, Tpr. B. Linnell. Alarm race—1, Tpr. V. J. Cullinan; 2, Tpr. D. M. Pretswell; 3, Tpr. R. C. McGrath. Dummy thrusting (sabres)—1, Sergt.-Major J. Copeland; 2, Sergt. C. Sayger; 3, Tpr. E. W. McKeown. Bareback wrestling—Tprs. J. Lamb, Morgan, B. Linnell and Lanes Cpl. R. Hider.

The general committee consisted of Maj. R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.; Sergt.-Major J. Copeland, D.C.M.; Sergt. C. Sayger, Sergt. W. G. Tamlyn, Sergt. J. M. Hallett, Sergt. F. J. Waters, Cpl. F. Harding and Lance Cpl. J. Edgell. The judges were: Major-General F. L. Lessard, C.B.; Major-General V. A. S. Williams, C.M.G.; Major-General J. H. McBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Col. Commandant A. H. Borden, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. R. Rhoads, D.S.O., M.C.; Lt.-Col. R. Langford, Capt. G. F. Berteau and Capt. T. James.—(The Evening Telegram, Toronto, Thursday, May 15, 1924.)

"B" SQN., ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS.

Report on Route March, Toronto to Niagara, June 3rd to 6th, 1924.

The Squadron, consisting of 80 horses and 84 all ranks proceeded by road, taking 4 days. The daily marches consisted of 14, 20, 24 and 28 miles. A total of 86 miles.

Route and Halting Places.

Stanley Barracks—Lake Shore Road, Queen Street to Port Credit.

Bivouaced in the public park on the edge of the Lake. The authorities at Port Credit were extremely hospitable and charged us nothing. Tuesday, June 3rd.

Second Day—3½ miles along main road and straight west along lower middle road to Burlington Junction, south to Burlington. Stopped in Hydro Park, which was given to us by the Hydro-Electric Commission free. The Mayor and Council were very hospitable to us. We were visited by the Col. Commandant. Wednesday, June 4th.

Third Day—Burlington and Hamilton Beach; lower road just south of railway parallel to Lake Shore to Winona where we joined main road; main road through Grimsby to Beamsville. There being good going on each side of the tarred road all the way, except on one mile where the heat of the sun had so softened the tar that was mixed with the sand on the sides of the road that horses feet became badly clogged up like shoe-packs. Some of this was not removed from inside the feet for over a week, but no harm results from this provided there are no small pebbles wedged in. The Beamsville Fair gave us their grounds for nothing. Were very well received. Thursday, June 5th.

Fourth Day—Main road (sides) to Vineland, then direct east. Soft road to St. Catharines (north of main tarred road). Across canal on Niagara Street Bridge and due north by east along soft concession line to north concession line to Lake Shore road and to Niagara Camp. Friday, June 6th.

Time and Pace.—The first day we left at 8.30 a.m. and arrived after 2 fifteen minute halts at 12.30 p.m. The remaining days we left at 7.30 a.m. (having Reveille at 5.00 a.m.) and averaged just under 5 miles per hour including a 10 minute halt each hour. Arrived at 11.45 a.m. on second day. At 12.15 p.m. on the third day and at 2 p.m. on the last day, which included 1 hour halt for water, feed of oats and lunch at 11.30 a.m.

Wherever the steep hills permitted, a normal rate of march was

maintained, which was in each hour as follows:—Halt 10 minutes; walk 5 minutes; trot 10 minutes; walk 15 minutes; trot 10 minutes; walk 10 minutes. During a portion of some of the walks we dismounted and lead. We lead down all steep hills, and the latter half mile of each day's march. On the 3rd day as the horses did not water well before leaving Burlington we rode into the Lake on the south end of the Beach Bar and watered the horses and then walked for half an hour. The walk was done at 4 miles per hour, the trot at 8. This latter was found to be the least tiring to the horses. Considering the temperature at times was hot and the atmosphere humid, the horses perspired exceedingly little. Good grazing was insisted on at each halt. Girths loosened. Ten minutes appeared to be a good time for duration of each trot. Standard time was found the most suitable time to worn on throughout.

Transport.—We had 2 G. S. Waggon, with a 2 horse team in each and 2 Hotchkiss Gun packs. With the 2 men on each waggon this left a surplus of 6 men, who rode on private motor cars. They were mess cooks, etc., and went ahead and got meals ready.

One waggon carried 1 rug per horse, 2 extra blankets per man.

The other carried emergency artificers' tools, kitchen utensils, sack of bran, medical and veterinary chests, lanterns, chloride of lime, latrine screens, brooms, shovels, mauls, etc. Both loads were light, as the transport proceeded by the main roads all the way. They averaged, including one good halt each day, slightly over 3 miles an hour. Spare brake blocks should be carried in future. On the 3rd day on account of the numbers of steep hills, we had to have extra hard wood brake blocks made locally. Had the transport to have gone across similar roads to those that we travelled on, 4 horse teams would have been necessary.

Horses.—All horses were in big condition on leaving and were in first class shape for normal military marches. Half a dozen 15 mile marches had been made at a very steady pace during the previous 15 days. All horses arrived



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in camp in first class condition, most looking better than when they left Toronto. None had lost any flesh and 3 or 4 who were a little on the light side had picked up. All fed well en route. There were no sore backs at all and as more than half the men had never done a long march before, this speaks well for the riding and care on the part of the Officers and N.C.O.'s as well as the men themselves. On the average 2 horses proceeded with the transport each day; they were those that had been lame before the march and showed a little soreness and one or two days with the transport made them all right again.

Weight on the Horses.—Each Officer and W.O. was allowed a small bed roll to go with the men's blankets. All other kit was carried in the haversack. No wallets or saddle bags were allowed. Everything was done and insisted on to make the march as near as Active Service conditions as possible. No billeting or messing in houses or cooking inside was allowed, and all ranks entered into the spirit of the move with the keenest interest.

The man carried his haversack on to make the march as near to left side (under arm). The horse carried 1 man's blanket over the saddle blanket; British warmer on rear arch; saddle and ground sheets on front arch; two nose bags; near side 1 feed of oats, off side stable head collar and rope, grooming kit. In haversack man carried cleaning and washing kit and change of socks, etc. Recommend larger haversack being issued so that man can carry change of underclothing and iron ration in it and thus do away with the troublesome dead weight of the wallets, that are officially obsolete.

Horse Lines.—To save delay 5 sets of 60 foot breast lines, with 2 seven foot 2 inch pipes and shackles and 2 ft. 6 in. pegs (for guys) were carried on one of the motor cars. The lines were then left up until the last.

Sanitation.—All ranks paid so much attention to their tidiness, cleanliness and general discipline that when the unit turned off the lines at 7.15 each morning, it was not necessary to leave a rear party behind to clean up.

Forage and Rations.—On arrival in Camp each day we fed the 4 lbs. of oats that we carried and had a light lunch and tea for the men. The R.C.A.S.C.(M.T.) left us one day's forage (12 and 15)

and one day's rations at about 1 p.m. The men had a good dinner at 6 in the evening. The men fed exceptionally well throughout.

Watering.—We generally watered from the lake, but on the last day we had to have water laid on and special vessels hired. Recommend carrying a canvas trough as was issued in France. There is at present no such thing in Engineer or Ordnance at present. This should be added. A short one 12 feet long would do, could usually be filled from a Hydrant.

Weather.—The first night was very wet, but no one seemed to derive any ill effect from getting wet. The old campaigners seemed to be in their element, some of the younger men took advantage of a few sheds in the vicinity. There was some drizzle for a couple of hours on the second day, and a heavy shower as we were packing up the last morning, otherwise the weather conditions were excellent, neither too hot, nor too cold at nights. Each day we arrived perfectly dry and got our waggons loaded in the dry.

Saddlery and Harness.—This stood the work very well except a few stitches that required replacing in one of the breast collars. The great advantage in abolishing the wallets was obvious. An extra pair of baggage straps were required and drawn for each front pack. These should be issued in lieu of wallet straps. One pair (and not three straps) is sufficient.

Shoes.—The Capewell nails were most satisfactory; a few Peerless nails (a cheaper but inferior and dangerous make of nail) were tried and found to break and cause a grave danger, both in loss of shoes and in injuring horse's hoof, and possibly causing a bind or prick. The wear of the shoes was excessive and considering that the surface of the roads used was far less hard on shoes than those generally used in France, it shows that the mild steel used in the concave fullered shoe now issued is of inferior quality. Recommend much better material and same type of shoe, with a thicker web, especially in hind shoes. Recommend also 2 hind shoes being carried in most shoe cases, instead of a fore and a hind. Most of the wear was on the hind shoes. During the 4 days only 2 marching order shoes were used, but 22 were removed and re-nailed on. The new nails added 5 or 6 days life to the shoes. Most of this was done in the bivouacs.

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On arrival in camp 75% of the horses had to be reshod all round, although all horses were shod up to date on leaving Toronto. The shoes were worn to almost the thickness of a thin card after 10 days to 2 weeks' wear.

Training.—All ranks entered into the spirit of the training exercises most enthusiastically and the majority never had such a good time in their lives before. There was not one single case of minor offence of any kind and the work was done on the horses and saddles and around the lines in a most rapid, efficient, and willing way. It was the best bit of training the Squadron has had since the war and they learnt more in those 4 days than they could in a year in the surroundings of Stanley Barracks.

The riding generally was excellent. There was not a single case of sickness to man or horse, except a contused frog to one troop horse on the second day crossing over very stoney roads, with freshly laid unrolled flint stones. This horse had to be left at a farm and shipped on by train after a 4 days' rest.

A few minor kicks resulted from the first night on the lines and aggravated by the cold and wet.

Extract from Hamilton Spectator, dated June 5th, 1924:—
R. C. D. Leave.

"B" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, which bivouacked in Hydro Park here yesterday, left shortly after seven this morning en route for Niagara Camp.

During their stay here the soldiers created a very favourable impression with their smart appearance and good behavior, while their presence was the cause of no little excitement among the younger people of the town, the splendid horses of the cavalrymen making quite a hit and being much admired.

One of the "A" Squadron wits reading the above article and referring to "There was not a single case of sickness to man or horse except a contused frog", remarked that the frogs in Ontario must hop very slowly in order to allow a "B" Squadron horse to step on them.

It has been noticed that very few men have reported sick since the Medical Officer planted three castor plants in his garden.

By-town Bits.

Shooting Opens.—After having two rainy Saturday afternoons the units of the Ottawa Garrison got away to a start at Connaught Ranges on the afternoon of the 17th May. A large number of competitors journeyed out to South March and a good day's work was done. Every Saturday since has seen the ranges occupied and some good scores have been put on.

Hotchkiss Guns Fire.—The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards are taking advantage of the large target accommodation at Connaught to fire their Hotchkiss guns on Saturday afternoons. The regiment now have about 50 men who are qualified in Hotchkiss gunnery and a number of these have instructors' certificates.

Provisional School.—A provisional school for the P.L.D.G. for a period of four weeks from June 16th has been authorized. The latter part of the school will be conducted in camp and Major F. Sawers, M.C., R.C.D., will be in charge.

Small Arms School to Open.—The first session of the Canadian Small Arms School will commence on July 7th. About 50 school cadet instructors are expected to take the course.

He Says He Did Not.—The honorary Lieut.-Colonel mentioned in this column last month says he never did. Do you catch my drift, or must I snow again?

Theipval Returns.—The Theipval has returned to Vancouver after placing supplies for the British round the world flight.

Sailors Will Visit.—The Dominion government plans for the reception to the British special service squadron on the Pacific Coast were announced recently by Hon. E. M. Macdonald, minister of national defence. The Dominion will give the officers of the fleet an official welcome on their arrival and will tender them a reception and dinner at Victoria. Subsequently a party of 30 officers and 250 men will be given a tour to Calgary and Edmonton and back by way of the Yellowhead Pass. In this tour the government of Alberta will co-operate with the Dominion.

Too Bad Sleuth.—I was sorry to hear of the wreck of the good ship

Sheik in the stormy waters of Montreal harbor. Still when one takes into consideration the supercargo that the owner carried with him, he ought to be congratulated in clearing the Lachine Canals. Here is hoping that a newer, larger and finer Sheik will arise from the ashes of the dead past and plow the foaming main. But, Hubert, I think da "Beaud" is a much better sailor man when he is behind the wheel of the Big Six.

Cadets Inspected.—Ottawa Collegiate cadets, about 850 strong, at their inspection on Parliament Hill, May 23rd, won the praises of the Minister of National Defence, Hon. E. M. Macdonald, K.C., M.P., and the hearty applause of several thousand people who watched the manoeuvres. It was the first time in the history of the Capital that the three local cadet battalions, one from each of the Collegiates and the Ottawa Technical School, paraded in a brigade for inspection. The smart appearance of the boys, in the natty uniforms and forage caps, their unexpected wide knowledge of military matters and the exactitude of their response to the various commands was not only a revelation to many people, but a most pleasing surprise.

The Minister of National Defence, after he had made an exhaustive inspection of the various platoons, told the boys that their deportment was not only a credit to the city, but was an example to the whole Dominion.

He said he had a right to be proud of the exhibition of military tactical exercises. The Ottawa Collegiate Cadets were the leaders in M. D. No. 3. The records showed that the work of the brigade was of high order and it was particularly gratifying that a member of the last year's brigade should have won a position on the Bisley Team. Mr. Macdonald was referring to Cadet Desmond Burke. The Minister of Militia spoke of the great interest taken in cadet work by the Ottawa Collegiate Institute Board. The showing on the Hill would be particularly gratifying to those who had taken an interest in the cadet movement and would have a salutary effect upon other people in the district and other parts of Canada.

It was the first occasion upon which the cadets had been inspected as a brigade and he expressed the wish that the units would increase in numbers and would continue to be efficient in order to be the premier brigade in Canada.

The inspection was made by the Minister of National Defence who was accompanied by Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., chief of the General Staff; Major-General J. H. Elmsley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., District Officer Commanding M.D. No. 3; Lt.-Col. F. O. Hodgins, D.S.O., G.S.O., M.D. 3; Lieut.-Col. H. H. Matthews, D.S.O., assistant director of Military Intelligence, and Capt. V. W. S. Heron, Cadet Officer, M.D. No. 3.

Batteries for Petawawa.—Special and official permission has been granted to the 1st Brigade, C.F.A., to proceed to Petawawa Camp on June 26th for a period of 8 days' training in the field. The strength of the brigade will be the same as last year, about 75 all ranks.

Lieut.-Col. Austin Gillies, O.B.E., will be in command of the brigade, with Captain G. A. Bate as adjutant. The 1st Battery will be under Major T. A. Williams, and the 2nd Battery under Major W. H. D. MacMahon.

Lieut. Southam Passes.—After lying in an unconscious condition in the General Hospital, Oshawa, for three weeks following an automobile accident on the 7th May, Lieut. W. H. C. Southam, P.L.D. G., died on the morning of the 28th of May. Mr. Southam was 22 years of age and the eldest son of Mr. Wilson Southam of Ottawa. The deceased officer commenced a special subaltern's course at Stanley Barracks the middle of April and was to have concluded his course on the 30th of May. On the afternoon of the 7th May he motored to Bowmansville to visit friends and had dinner with them. Whilst passing through the village of Dunbarton about ten o'clock in the evening on his way back to Toronto, he collided with a heavy truck that was backing across the road in front of a garage and received the injuries that cause his death. He sustained a severe concussion of the brain, a deep wound over the left eye, a wound on the left knee cap and a puncture of the left lung through the back. He was given first aid at Dunbarton and rushed to the General Hospital, where he passed away without regaining consciousness. His father was with him the whole time following the accident and his mother and two sisters arrived on Friday the 23rd of May having been summoned home from Europe where they had been holidaying. The funeral was held on May 29 from the Union Station, Ottawa, to Beechwood cemetery and although of a private nature,

a large number of officers and other ranks of the P.L.D.G. were present at the station.

Dangerous Guys.—Results of the Canadian Revolver Association matches show that the indoor championship, Dominion Gold Medal was won by M. H. Wilson, of Montreal; the military match, Dominion gold medal, by Inspector H. R. Gagnon, R.C.M.P., of Vancouver, and the Tyro match, Dominion medal, by T. N. Boa, of Montreal.

Bisley Meeting.—Lord Cheylesmore, presiding at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association, announced a new Bisley competition "the overseas match," which will be open to British subjects resident overseas. This match was introduced in view of the large number of visitors at Bisley annually from the dominions. The prize list will total £100, and no entrance fee will be charged.

Lord Cheylesmore mentioned that there would be a record number of competitors at Bisley this year, including representative teams from Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Rhodesia, Natal, Gold Coast and Malay. He said the Australians, who are holders of the Empire Trophy, had again waived their right to have the challenge match shot in Australia, and were showing good sportsmanship in bringing the trophy to be contested for in Great Britain.

It is announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to present the prizes at Bisley this year.

King's Birthday.—The celebration of the birthday of His Majesty King George V. was fittingly carried out at Ottawa. At 12 noon the 1st Brigade C.F.A., fired a Royal Salute of 21 guns from Cartier Square. In the afternoon all official Ottawa journeyed to Rideau Hall where His Excellency the Governor General entertained at a garden party. About 900 guests were present.

Band Visits Ottawa.—The brass band of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery came up from Kingston to play at the garden party given by His Excellency the Governor-General. They were in command of Director of Music Capt. Light, R.C.H.A.

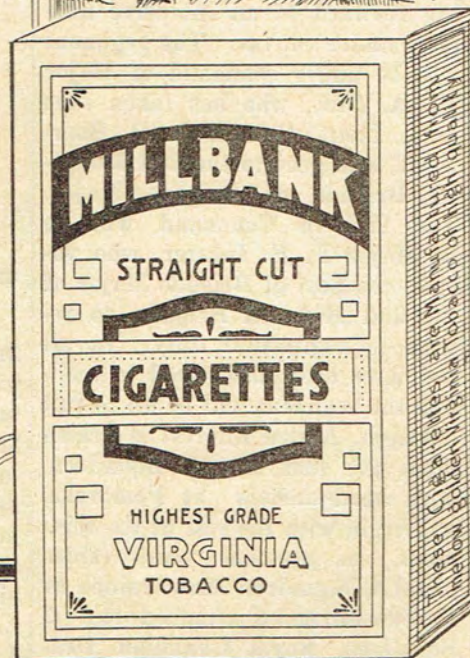
Old Timer Honored.—W. J. Pace, an ex-warrant officer in the British navy, and a veteran of seven wars, having been with Gordon in Egypt, Beresford at the

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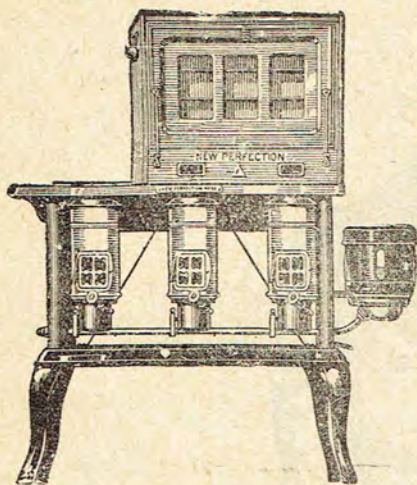
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storming of Alexandria, and with Jellicoe at Jutland, was on King's Birthday presented with medals won in the Great War, by Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, for whom he is now confidential messenger. The Mons Star, the Victory and General Service medals were given the veteran, who is now in his 72nd year, the minister highly complimenting him on his fine record.

No Church Parade.—It has been decided that there will be no church parade at Ottawa this spring. This decision was given by Headquarters Military District No. 3, after receiving reports from the local units. It was felt that the small numbers that are authorized to train would not do the garrison justice. The parade may be held in the fall.

Go To England.—Wing Commander W. G. Barker, V.C., and Wing Commander Steadman, of the R.C.A.F., have sailed for England to take special courses.

P.L.D.G. Camp.—The annual camp of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards will commence at Connaught Rifle Ranges on July 2nd and the cavalrymen are looking forward to an intensive nine days under canvas. The regiment will be under command of Major W. A. Blue, who has taken over from Lieut. Colonel L. P. Sherwood, who goes to the 2nd Mounted Brigade as Brigade Major. The 2nd in Command will be Major F. B. Inkster, who vacates the post of Brigade Major of the 2nd Mounted Brigade, to return to regimental duty. In all 146 have been authorized to train and the regiment will be up to full strength. Added interest is drawn from the fact that C Squadron, with headquarters at Pembroke, will train with the rest of the regiment. In previous years (since 1921) C Squadron have trained at Petawawa, being attached to B Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons. The squadrons have been authorized to recruit up to 35 all ranks and the regimental staff, with signallers make up the total. Special attention is being paid to the training of Hotchkiss gunners this year and also of the signallers. With this end in view a special Hotchkiss instructor will be detailed, also a N.C.O. from the R.C.C.S. The annual regimental sports will be held on the Saturday of camp and the Officers entertain on that day at an At Home. The regiment will also enter a team in the Merritt Trophy competition.

A WEEK'S REFRESHMENT.

The following extract from the diary of a shepherd some forty years ago will strike the reader as curious. But when it is explained that the whiskey of that time was more nourishing than the liqueurs we at present imbibe, and only a fraction of the price, it will be at once evident that the shepherd had the best of it:—

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MONDAY—A half gill to wash awa' the effects of a dry sermon, 1½d; mid-day, a gill to wet ma lips for dog whistling, being out after the sheep, 3d; foregatherin' wi' the neebours, twa gills 6d; Mair dog whistlin', a gill, 3d.....	1/1½	6/
TUESDAY—A wet mornin'. A gill (there being some holes in my plaid); dog whistling through the day, twa gills, 6d; consoln' wi' Jock Macdonald over the loss o' his wife, fower gills, 1/...	1/9	9/4
WEDNESDAY—Market day; foregatherin's, sax gills 1/6; dog whistlin', two gills 6d; gills wi' folk I hae no min' o' whatever, 1/; gills wi' the men that sang "Auld Lang Syne" 3d.....	3/3	17/4
THURSDAY—A gill to try to bring to mind whaur I peeled ma knuckles in a political argument 3d; introducing Jock Macdonald to a likely lass to mak' his second wife, twa gills, 6d; sundry dog whistlin's, twa gills, 6d.....	1/3	6/8
FRIDAY—Amang the sheep, fortifyin' mysel' for Jock Macdonald's wife's funeral in the afternoon, twa gills, 6d; anither on the road to keep mysel' frae greetin' for the puir body, 3d; dog whistlin', 3d; the funeral, sax gills, 1/6.....	2/6	13/4
SATURDAY—To keep the moist out o' ma' plaid, the holes no being mended, a gill, 3d; giein' in the banns for Jock Macdonald's marriage, fower gills, 1/; dog whistlin', and foregatherin's, three gills, 9d.....	2/	10/8
SUNDAY—The Sawbath Day! a wee drap to clear ma throat to cryin' in ma dogs, a gill, 3d; some anither at Luckie's while the bells are ringing, 3d; some brandy so as no to be takin' the smell o' whiskey into the Lord's hoose, 6d; a drap to digest the sermon, twa gills, 6d.....	1/6	8/

12/4½ £3, 11/4

Engineers for Kingston.—The 3rd Field Company Canadian Engineers will train at Royal Military College grounds, Kingston, from July 4th to July 13th. The large amount of engineering material available will prove a great help in the training and a camp school will be held there commencing the 4th July and continuing to the 19th. It is expected that Lieut.-Col. A. T. Wilger, D.S.O., of Kingston, will be in charge of the school.

Moved West.—Captain Paddy Griffin, R.C.A.S.C., has been moved from Headquarters to Winnipeg.

Cadet Inspection.—Captain Victor Heron, District Cadet Officer M.D. 3, has had a busy month doing his annual inspections of the various school cadet corps in the district. In his work he has been assisted by Captain Trudeau, Royal 22nd Regiment.

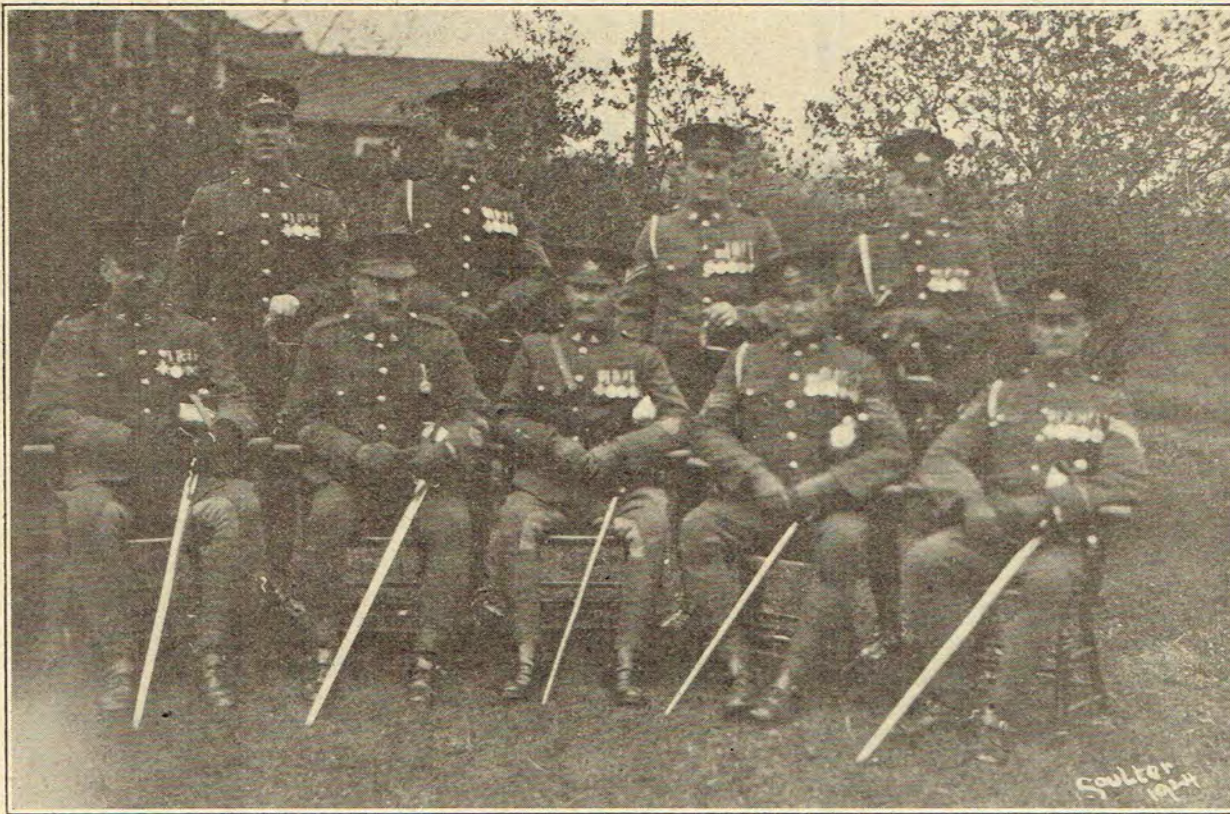
Signal School.—Selected Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals are undergoing special wireless work at Rockcliffe Ranges. The instruction is under Capt. H. T. May. Various reliefs for far north posts go out in the near future.

A sample of journalism:—"It was a sight to stir the blood. Grenadiers mounted on spirited horses and wearing scarlet coats and shining helmets were lined up along the street."

Note.—This blood stirring sight was really the L.S.H. in Review Order as described by a Winnipeg newspaper.

American tourist motoring through St. Johns:—"Oh look, 'Maison a Louer.' What a pretty name for a house."

Members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, stationed at The Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., who have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.



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Sitting—S.Q.M.S. Snape, S.S.M.I. Dowdell, S.M. (W.O.I.) Mountford, Sgt. Merrix, Sgt. King, M.S.M.

THE VALUE OF A PROVISIONAL SCHOOL OF CAVALRY.

(As seen from an Asst. Instructor's point of view.)

Criticism has been directed at the Cavalry Provisional School, in that it is hardly possible to train a mounted man where horses are not available. There is an apparent tendency to abandon the Provisional School in favour of the Royal School in winter and the Camp School in summer. First of all let us examine the advantages of the Royal Schools and Camp Schools. There is no doubt of the value of the training received, but, and here is the vital point, are the Militia units able to take full advantage of these schools. The general consensus of opinion is, we think, that the cream of the personnel of a Militia unit are unable to spare the time to attend these schools, and that the winter schools in particular are very often packed with floaters. Or in other words with men whose chief interest in the unit, are the six weeks rations they receive during a period of unemployment. We hear so much of the disadvantages of the Provisional School, let us see if we can find some points in favour of such a school, held at the local headquarters of the unit. There are not likely to be horses available, but is the mounted work so essential at this stage of the

game? Is it not more important for the mounted man first to be able to handle his rifle to the best tactical advantage? If this point is granted, then it is a certainty that training in the principal weapons of war can be carried out just as thoroughly and efficiently at a Provisional School as at a Royal School, with the added advantage that the best of the personnel of the unit will be available to attend from two to four nights a week, and one or two afternoons. The personal touch gained between the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the unit is also of great value.

The Provisional School is a stimulus to recruiting in that it provides a period of activity, and advertises the unit in its own locality. It also allows the civilian to see that training is being carried out, and that he is receiving some value for the money expended on behalf of the Militia. Then again a tactful instructor can make himself useful in one hundred and one ways whilst he is working with the unit. The Provisional School may be utilized to give instruction in such important subjects as musketry, machine gunnery, elementary tactics, dismounted drill, discipline, and interior economy, with the result that the unit will have available at the subsequent summer camp an efficient nucleus of Officers and N.C.O.'s. Then at the summer camp the unit can specialize more

in the mounted work.

No doubt it will be pointed out that summer camps are of such short duration, that the mounted work carried out is of little value. In these days of limited funds it might be more advantageous to concentrate on training Officers and N.C.O.'s. The Provisional School in winter being a preliminary to the camp school in summer. It is easier for the majority of Militiamen to attend for ten or fifteen days in the summer, than to spare six weeks in winter. Another point that should not be lost sight of is, that the Provisional School is of little expense to the public.

—R. J. Brown, Q.M.S.I., R.C.D.

The writer of the above article is apparently very much in favour of the Provisional School, and passes very quickly over his examination of the advantages of the Royal, and Camp Schools.

Perhaps someone may point out some of these advantages in a future number of "The Goat."
—(The Editor.)

Gentleman (at door)—Is May in?

Maid (haughtily)—May who?

Gentleman (peevish)—Mayonnaise!

Maid (shutting door)—Mayonnaise is dressing.

—(Amputations' Quarterly)

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R. M. C. Memorial Arch.

The unveiling ceremony of The Memorial Arch erected by the Royal Military College Club in memory of the ex-Cadets of the Royal Military College of Canada took place at Kingston on Sunday, June 15th.

The Arch which stands at the entrance to the Royal Military College is a massive one, standing 46 ft. high, of classical design, but dignified. The Arch proper is 14 ft. in diameter and on either side are two large bronze tablets bearing the names of the 170 ex-Cadets of the College who have given their lives for the Country on "Active Service." The ground in the vicinity of the Arch has been levelled, terraced and sodded, and shrubs and flowers have been planted; it is illuminated at night by flood lights. The Arch was designed by Mr. John M. Lyle, the well known Toronto architect, whose work has been highly praised and commented upon. It was constructed by Mr. John Oakley, a Toronto contractor.

The day was fine and bright, and the whole ceremony very solemn and impressive, upwards of 4,000 spectators being present including 150 ex-Cadets, and many relatives and friends of those whose names were inscribed on the bronze tablets.

The 150 ex-Cadets present fell in as a detachment on the College parade ground and marched in front of the Guard of Honour of the Battalion of Gentlemen Cadets and as they swung down the avenue over which they had all marched many, many times in by-gone days, the band of the Royal Canadian Artillery played "The Boys of the Old Brigade."

The Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence, arrived at 4 p.m. and after acknowledging the General Salute, inspected the Guard of Honour.

The hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, and opening prayers said by Rev. J. S. La-Flair, followed by a Scripture Reading, Rev. xxi. 1-7, by Rev. Principal S. W. Dyde, D.Sc., D.D., LL.D., Queen's Theological College. Brig. General G. S. Cartwright, C.B., C.M.G., President of the R.M.C. Club then requested Mrs. Joshua Wright, of Ottawa, to unveil the Arch. Mrs. Wright's two sons both graduates of the College have their names on the Roll of Honour. The "Last Post" was then sounded, followed by two minutes silence, after

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which the "Dead March" was played by the band of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and a "Lament" by the pipers. The Arch was then dedicated by The Lord Bishop of Ontario, and "Reveille" sounded.

The Memorial Arch was then handed over officially to the Crown by the President of the R.M.C. Club, and was received by the Minister of National Defence, who gave an eloquent address. Wreaths were placed on the Arch by the Royal Military College Club, the Commandant, Staff and Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, and by many other organizations, relatives and friends. Two verses of the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" were sung, then the Benediction was given by His Grace the Archbishop of Kingston.

Following the National Anthem the Battalion of Gentlemen Cadets marched through the Memorial Arch with bayonets fixed and Colours flying, in quick time, to their Regimental March, and were followed by the detachment of ex-Cadets.

The Committee of the R.M.C. Club who had charge of work of erecting the arch was composed of

Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. (chairman), Major General Sir Archibald Macdonell, K. C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant of the Royal Military College, Lieut. Col. W. B. Kingsmill, D.S.O., Lieut. Col. H. J. Lamb, D.S.O., Colonel A. C. Caldwell, Colonel F. L. Armstrong, O.B.E., Major Eric Greenwood, and Lieut. Col. E. G. Hanson, D.S.O. (Hon. Sec'y-Treas.).

The following officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons who lost their lives in the war were ex-Cadets of the Royal Military College, and have their names inscribed on the Memorial Arch:—

Lieut. P. B. Irving.
Lieut. G. C. Hilliard.
Major A. V. S. Nordheimer.
Lieut. H. V. LeMesurier, M.C.
Lieut. D. S. Gwyn, M.C.

Major H. Stethem has purchased a new car, a Rambler (about 1900 model) for the enormous sum of \$5.00. That it was a good buy was proved on Sunday, May 4th when it carried several very heavy loads around the barrack square.

Putandtakeaman's Tomb.

(Time 3,000 A.D.)

The whole cosmic universe is taking a breathless interest in the excavations which are proceeding in that part of the earth which was once known as the American Continent. At the time of writing, learned men and journalists from all the planets are flocking to that part of the American continent which was once called Canada.

Canada, as all students of ancient history know, was once a part of the British Empire. The country was divided into Provinces, and one of these provinces was called Quebec. The inhabitants of Quebec were a most astute race of people; but of their history we know too little. However, we expect to gain a great deal of interesting knowledge from the excavations which are under way in that part of the province formerly known as St. Johns.

In the early part of the 19th century the country lying to the south of Canada laboured under

the despotic influence of John Barleycorn. This man's influence, while being very powerful and producing great happiness under certain circumstances, was on the whole rather degrading. The people of this country appealed to a man named Volstead to free them from their yoke, and after a bitter struggle John Barleycorn was driven from the country. After his defeat at the hands of Volstead, John Barleycorn retired to Quebec. While the remainder of Canada refused to have anything to do with Barleycorn, the people of Quebec, who appear to have been a very idealistic race, faithful to old dictorines, welcomed him with open arms and from then on John Barleycorn made his headquarters in that part of the country.

After a short while those people who had renounced Barleycorn, found the virtues forced upon them under the regime of Volstead rather boring, and while refusing to admit any error of judgment on their part, still hankered after some of the blessings which they had enjoyed under their former rule. In time organized pilgrimages were made to Quebec, and persons from all parts of the

American Continent made periodical visits there, that they might pay homage to their former master and receive the blessing of oblivion—if only for a short while. In consequence, Quebec became one of the richest and most powerful provinces in that part of the world.

Shortly after Barleycorn's settling in Quebec, a personage called Putandtakeaman became widely known all over the American Continent. His fame spread far and wide, and a favourite saying of that time was—"For many have put, but few have taken." It was only logical that these great men of that age should eventually combine; this happened, and these with the assistance of another named Liquor Commission helped to raise Quebec to such an exalted position that her name has been handed down to posterity, when other more powerful nations of that day have been completely forgotten.

Tradition tells little or nothing of what became of John Barleycorn, or Liquor Commission; knowledge of the manner of their deaths and places of burial has been lost in the dusty volume of time. We are fortunately more

informed regarding Putandtakeaman. Professor Knowall, and Dr. Seealott have proved conclusively the manner of Putandtakeaman's death, and last resting place. It appears that towards the end of Putandtakeaman's reign, when his popularity was waning, a rival appeared named Mah Jongg. This latter with the assistance of three dragons, a red, a green, and a white one, and the assistance of a bitter North Wind absolutely destroyed any prestige that might have remained with the former, and the excavations being carried out by Dr. Seealott at St. Johns have already proved that these gentlemen are on the right track.

It would be impossible to adequately describe the beautiful and priceless relics unearthed at St. Johns. And the work is only in its early stages. A number of exquisite cylindrical objects have been found. These are of wonderful proportions and taper to a small hole at one end, the other being solid. The material is of a wonderful transparency and delicately tinted. The only decipherable word on these objects is "—ows"—the first letter being obviously missing. Dr. Seealott maintains that the objects are

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feeding bottles for infants, and in support of this theory states—"Infants of bygone days were usually fed on the milk of cows, a peaceful animal of that period, and I firmly believe the missing letter to be a 'C'. An ancient magazine has also been discovered. The learned doctor has not been able to make any headway with this, as the language appears absolutely unknown. He has deciphered phrases such as "Scrowling 19.90", "Jenkins 24.88", but this tells him nothing. Early last week the diggers uncovered a wonderful old door on which was written the mystic word "Canteen", as Putandtakeaman was always associated with this ancient institution, Dr. Seealott has every reason to believe he has discovered the resting place of Putandtakeaman, but before proceeding further in his investigations he awaits the arrival of his colleague.

Modern civilization owes a lot to men like Professor Knowall and Dr. Seealott, for were it not for the unselfish efforts of individuals like these we would be appallingly ignorant of our glorious past. These learned men receive absolutely nothing for their trouble, but what they make. The whole universe watches their efforts with suspended breath, and sincerely hopes their theories will be fully maintained.

THE RIDE.

I have heard people say
That in more than one way,
The ride is a great deal of fun.
That to canter and trot
Round the school quite a lot,
Is a joy that is second to none.

That to leap o'er the bars,
And receive a few scars,
Is a pleasure that cannot be beat,
That to grip with your thighs
Till the horse nearly dies,
Is worth while to attain a good seat.

But if you are slow,
And don't always show
Just that interest they seem to expect;
And don't seem to mind
When your horse lags behind,
And your elbows and knees aren't correct.

Then it's hard to decide
If you are fond of the ride,
As your friends claim that they
were before;
For the Instructors take pride
In tanning your hide
On the tan-bark that lies on the floor.

When you're ordered to jump,
And you rattle and bump,
And you're swerving 'an awful

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As you dust off the "bark"
"Who granted you leave to dis-
mount?"

When you're told to "quit rein,"
And you clutch at the mane
Of your horse, just to keep your-
self seated;

Then you long for the end,
When the Sergeant will send
You away, with the lesson com-
pleted!

—H. M. Collinson.

"Yes, We Have Some Duty Men"

Ten stalwart duty men, on parade
they shine,

The Major's coal supply is low—
alas, there are nine.

Nine stalwart duty men, indulg-
ing in a "Hate".

A "chit" comes from the Adju-
tant—result, there are eight.

Eight stalwart duty men, the
phone rings now, oh Heaven,
From Quartermaster—"Cook's
all in"—damn it, that leaves
seven.

Seven stalwart duty men, one's at
his old tricks,
Throws an alcoholic fit—now
we've only six.

Six stalwart duty men, "March

off, look alive,"—

Too late—the City Police pinch
one—well, that's only five!

Five stalwart duty men, they
can't take any more,

Oh, can't they—you're an opto-
mist, the rink needs one—
that's four.

Four stalwart duty men, another
"chit"—let's see,

"The furnaces are going out, send
a man—that's three.

Three stalwart duty men, fed up,
cold and blue,

One begins to curse and swear—
"Guardroom!"—now we've
two.

Two stalwart duty men, thaw
them in the sun,

One's beyond all human aid—
thank God, we've only one.

One stalwart duty man, feeling
"in the Pink,"

Seems a shame to tire him out—
"Dismiss," we'll go and
drink.

The above poem appeared in
the April number of the "Con-
necting File," but it is equally
appropriate to this Station, we
make no bones about copying it
and we give them all the credit.



GOOD BYE

Several "Old Timers" Purchased their Discharge last month.

Military Tournament and Horse Show

The Military Tournament and Horse Show held at the Mount Royal Arena in Montreal, on May 31st, proved to be a brilliant spectacle. The Military portion of the programme consisted of demonstrations of the work of the Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College from Kingston, a Musical Ride by "A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons from St. Johns, and a demonstration of Platoon Drill by "D" Co'y, The Royal Canadian Regiment from Montreal, while the music was furnished by the Band of The Royal Highlanders of Canada, Montreal. The Cadets in their gymnastic work never fail to impress their audience with the value of physical training in developing mind and body, whilst their fire and table jump, and Vaulting Ride were exhibitions of skill and training of the highest standard,

and furnished the spectators with a thrill. Their introduction of Mounted Basketball, which had never been seen before in Montreal was probably the most interesting feature of the programme, and as basketball when played under ordinary circumstances is fast and exciting, it is easy to understand the thrills that can be produced when it is played mounted.

The Musical Ride with prancing horses, scarlet uniforms, brass helmets, and lances, is always a favourite with the public, and (though we do say it ourselves) we have seldom seen a better 16 file Ride at a one day show, than the one that was put on at the evening performance; it is interesting to note that one-third of the horses on the ride were remounts this time last year.

The drill by "D" Coy. The R.C.R. was a revelation of what can be accomplished by good training and discipline, several complicated movements being carried out with clock-like precision on a single work of command. Their

demonstration was especially appreciated by those members of the audience who had had experience in Military Training, and each movement was greeted with bursts of enthusiastic applause.

The Horse Show portion of the programme consisted of the saddle classes of the Montreal Hunt Club Annual Horse Show, and they have every reason to be congratulated on the large entries and the excellent quality of the horses exhibited, in their twelve classes. It is most encouraging in these days of "Mechanical Movement" for the followers of "The Sport of Kings" to witness a horse show in which the quality of the many exhibits was so fully equal to the quantity, and the judges, Dr. E. R. Webster, and Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., of Ottawa, were confronted with a most difficult task in selecting the winners.

Several Officers from this station entered in the various classes and carried off their fair share of the honours. In the open Jump-

ing, the largest class of the day in which there were 54 entries, Captain D. A. Grant, M.C., R.C.D., on "Mickey" took the blue ribbon and won a very handsome cup. Captain W. J. Finny, R.C.H.A., Kingston, on "Molly McGuire" was third, and Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D., on "Polly" was fourth. The Officers' Charger Class was won by Captain W. C. Pitfield on "Aircraft"; Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., R.C.D., on "Dublin Bell" was second; Captain C. E. Shirley on "Tarazan" third, and Captain D. A. Grant, M.C., R.C.D., on "Mickey" fourth. Four of the horses in this class wore ribbons on their brow bands, which indicated that they had seen active service and "Jingo" ridden by Capt. R. B. LeBlanc, R.C.D., also had an honourable scar on his leg, but though public sentiment would have been pleased to have seen one of these horses amongst the prize winners, the judges naturally were forced to wave sentiment in favour of breeding and conformation.

The Triple Bar furnished the thrills of the jumping classes, and seldom has keener competition in an event of this nature been witnessed in Montreal, the jump consisted of triple bars 7 ft. broad, with the third bar 4 ft. high; the jump was extended one foot each time it was successfully cleared by the contestants. Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., on "Dolly", Captain D. A. Grant, M.C., on "Mickey" and Captain M. Drury on "Brick-dust" were entered from this station, and all managed to stick with it until the jump had been extended to 13 ft., four other horses managed to clear this jump but none of them could make 14 ft. and the final results had to be decided by points, the class was won by "Lady Mayo" owned by Mrs. Jas. W. Duncan.

In the class for Hunters up to carrying 180 lbs. to hounds, Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D., on "Witchcraft", came fourth.

The combined Military Tournament and Horse Show were held under the auspices of the Montreal Hunt and The Royal Military College Club, and were under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency The Governor-General of Canada, His Honour The

Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Quebec, and The Honourable The Minister of National Defence. The Joint Presidents being Brig.-General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., and Harold Hampson, M.F.H. The Minister of National Defence was present at the evening performance, and took the salute from the various military parties as they entered and left the ring.

The Military Tournament and The Horse Show would both make complete performances by themselves and the programme was naturally long, but the interest of the spectators was most apparent by the large numbers who remained in their seats until the very last event.

Major General Sir Archibald Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant of The Royal Military College of Canada, was an interested spectator at both the afternoon and evening performances, and the whole Arena was filled to the doors, by members of society from Montreal, and the surrounding districts who are interested in Military life, or admirers of good horses. Many Cadets from the various Cadet Corps in and around Montreal

Victoria Day Sports

The annual dismounted sports of "A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons were held as usual on the 24th May. Unfortunately the "Weather Man" was unkind to us, and the morning programme was postponed for one hour during a heavy downpour of rain. By 11 a.m. the rain had stopped and although it was cold and dull, it was decided to carry on with the programme. Competition was keen and in spite of the slippery footing some very creditable performances were made, especially in the high jumping in which event the eliminations were by far the closest and best that have ever been seen at our local sports. Tpr. Barrie was the ultimate winner and L/Cpl. Stanyard and L/Cpl. McKerrall had to jump off several times for second place. Kicking

were present in the afternoon, and in the evening the members of The Victoria Rifles of Canada attended in a body, marching as a unit to the Arena headed by their brass band.

the football proved to be a very difficult event owing to the strong wind. The First and Second troops reached the finals of the Tug-of-War, and the teams were required to "take the strain" three times before the First Troop were declared the winners.

In the afternoon not even the bad weather could keep away the crowd, and our good friends from St. Johns turned out in large numbers to help make the day a success. By kind permission of Col. R. L. H. Ewing, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., the band of the Royal Highlanders of Canada came out from Montreal to play during the afternoon. The band in their pre-war uniforms presented a very smart appearance, and their musical programme under the baton of Lieut. Jones was excellent. The events in the afternoon included the Three-legged race, the Egg and Spoon race, Boat race, Ladies' race, Obstacle race, Old Soldiers' race, and the Harem race, all of which were most interesting and amusing. The Old Soldiers' race was won by Tpr. Jewkes, while the old veteran S.Q.M.S. Snape put up a wonderful burst of speed to come second. The Relay race, won by the Sec-



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wonderful attempt made by ond Troop was very close, and the L/Cpl. Stanyar to overcome an impossible lead was one of the most sporting efforts that one could ever hope to see. The Mile was won in fine style by Tpr. Mercier, Sgt. Sheehy coming in a close second.

The Musical Ride owing to the slippery field was put on on the Barrack Square which proved a most picturesque setting for the event. Great credit is due to those who trained and took part in the Ride, as they put on an exceptionally good exhibition under most difficult circumstances. Five or six horses on the ride were from the batch of remounts who joined us last spring, and they took their places beside the old times like veterans.

The handsome prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. D. B. Bowie, each recipient receiving congratulations and a burst of applause from the spectators, especially L/Cpl. Stanyard, who by winning the Challenge Cup for obtaining the greatest number of points proved himself to be a first class all round athlete.

The officials and results were as follows:—

Referee—Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O.

Judges—Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C.; Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C.; Capt. N. M. Halkett, M.C.; Lieut. L. D. Hammond.

Starter—Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell.

Clerks of the Course—Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, Farr. Sgt. C. H. Hill.

Recorder—O.R.S./Sgt. W. T. Ellis.

The Athletic Committee who were responsible for organizing and carrying out such a successful sports day is composed of the following:—President, Capt. R. B.

LeBlanc. Members—Sgt. Harris, L/Cpl. Stanyar, Tpr. Jewkes.

Results:—

1. Broad Jump—1st, L/Cpl. McKerrall; 2nd, Tpr. D. Gardner; 3rd, Tpr. Steedman.

2. High Jump—1st, Tpr. Barrie; 2nd, L/Cpl. Stanyar; 3rd, L/Cpl. McKerrall.

3. Throwing Baseball — 1st, L/Cpl. Stanyar; 2nd, Tpr. D. Gardner; 3rd, L/Cpl. Gordon.

4. Children's Race—1st, Willie Snape; 2nd, Victor Jewkes.

5. 100 Yards Dash—1st, L/Cpl. Stanyar; 2nd, L/Cpl. McKerrall; 3rd, Tpr. Mercier.

6. Kicking the Football—1st, Tpr. Steedman; 2nd, Sgt. Harris; 3rd, S.S.M. Smith.

7. Tug-o'-War—First Troop.

8. Three-legged Race — 1st, L/Cpls. Stanyar and McKerrall; 2nd, Tprs. Steedman and McClelland; 3rd, Tprs. Shaw and Rodgers.

9. 220 Yards—1st, L/Cpl. Stanyar; 2nd, Tpr. Mercier; 3rd, Tpr. Barrie.

10. Egg and Spoon Race—1st, L/Cpl. Stanyar; 2nd, Tpr. Connors; 3rd, Sgt. Harris.

11. Relay Race—Second Troop (L/Cpl. McKerrall, Tprs. Barrie, Cross and Steedman).

12. Boat Race—Third Troop.

13. Ladies' Race—1st, Miss Cola Hand; 2nd, Mrs. Davies.

14. Mile Race—1st, Tpr. Mercier; 2nd, Sgt. Sheehy; 3rd, Tpr. Newby.

15. Obstacle Race—1st, Tpr. Duffy; 2nd, Sgt. Harris; 3rd, L/Cpl. Stanyar.

16. Old Soldiers' Race (over 35 years of age)—1st, Tpr. Jewkes; 2nd, S.Q.M.S. Snape.

17. Harem Race—Miss Kola Hand and Tpr. J. Woods.

18. Musical Ride.

At the conclusion of the sports the members of the Garrison were at home to their fiends, many of whom took the opportunity to visit the stables. Receptions were held in the Officers and Sergeants Messes, and in the evening the Barrack Orchestra furnished music for an informal dance in the gym.

The Band of the Royal Highlanders of Canada rendered several selections on the Barrack Square at Retreat.

THE LEBLANC CHALLENGE CUP.

The Challenge Cup for the man who obtains the highest number of points at the Victoria Day sports was presented to "A" Squadron in 1920 by Captain R. B. LeBlanc, R.C.D. Five points are given for the winner of each event, three points for second and 1 for third place, and the man with the greatest number of points to his credit has his name engraved on the cup and holds it for the year. Com-

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petition for this cup has always been very keen, and in the past years it has always been won only by a very narrow margin of points but this year L/Cpl. Stanyar managed to win it with 13 points to spare and deserves great credit for his performance.

The best six scores were as follows:—

L/Cpl. Stanyar—32 points.
L/Cpl. McKerrall—19 points.
Tpr. Steedman—14 points.
Tpr. Barrie—11 points.
Tpr. Mercier—9 points.
Sgt. Harris—7 points.

The names of five winners are now engraved on the cup—

1920—Pte. Pirltu.
1921—Pte. H. E. Short.
1922—Pte. H. E. Short.
1923—Pte. A. Benton.
1924—L/Cpl. A. Stanyar.

Benton, who held the cup last year has since taken his discharge and is living in Montreal, and we were all very pleased to welcome him at the sports this year when he came down to see his cup competed for.

BASEBALL.

The citizens of St. Johns were more than pleased when the Twilight Baseball League finally got under way, and have proved their interest by the large crowds which assemble on the Barrack Field at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday evenings. S.S.M.I. J. H. Dowdell (I.C.) R.C.D., has been elected President of the League, and Dave Imrie is Honorary President. The League consists of four teams, three from the City, namely the Hart Battery, the Singer, the Victoria Athletic Club, and "A" Squadron, R.C.D. team.

So far the games have all proved very exciting, and though in most cases the scores have been rather large, it has been impossible to regard any game as won until the last ball has been pitched.

Unfortunately the Barrack team have lost their first two games, but at this early date it is impossible to pick an ultimate winner, and we still have hopes of making the other teams sit up and take notice.

The Sergeants Mess from Headquarters M.D. No. 4, motored down to St. Johns last month and played a game of indoor ball against our Station Sergeants Mess. Luncheon was served in the Mess and the game got under way about 3 p.m. After a stiff fight our team emerged victorious from the fray by a few odd runs.

S.S.M. Smith gave a most daring exhibition of sliding bases,

and received rather painful injuries to his face and hands; but living up to his advice to the troops "Don't go sick" he was present on parade next morning, though somewhat scarred and bandaged.

"Nipper" the mascot of "D" Coy. The R.C.R., took the opportunity of motoring down with the visitors, and was heartily received by his many friends of the canine tribe in Barracks.

FOOTBALL.

The Squadron Team having no engagements, the competition for the Squadron Football Cup was run off during the past few weeks. The Football Committee drew up a league schedule whereby each troop was required to play the other two troops two games.

The Third Troop emerged victorious from the fray, this being the third year in succession that they have won the "Powell Cup". They are perhaps fortunate in possessing the majority of the Squadron Football team players, but nevertheless the games were all well and cleanly contested, the eventual results being no foregone conclusion as is revealed by the appended results:—

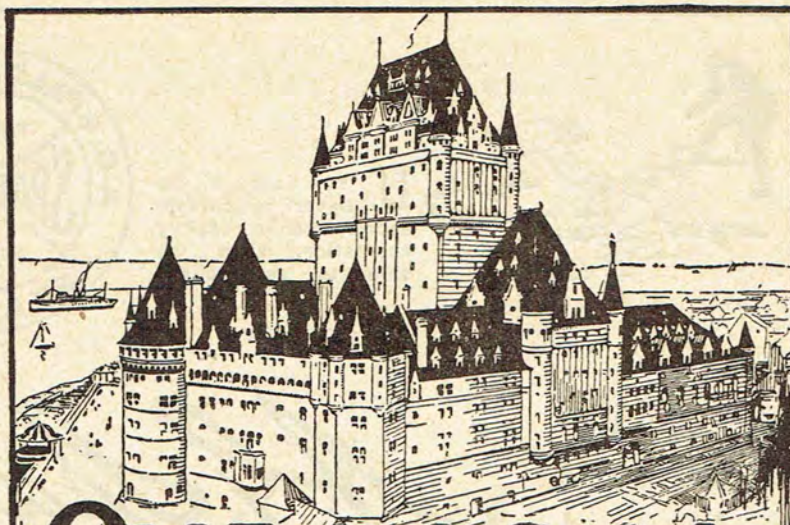
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2nd Troop 1, 3rd Troop 2.
3rd Troop 2, 1st Troop 1.
2nd Troop 1, 1st Troop 2.
3rd Troop 3, 2nd Troop 0.
1st Troop 1, 3rd Troop 4.

The following players represented the Third Troop—Goal, Tpr. Penny; backs, Lieut. L. D. Hammond and Cpl. Gilmore; halves, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Tpr. D. Gardner and Tpr. N. Wood; forwards, Tprs. Lawrence and H. Rowe, Sgt. Sheehy, Tprs. T. Roe and Dawkes; reserves, S.Q.M.S. Snape and Tpr. Bilton.

AQUATICS.

Owing to the late arrival of the warm weather it has been decided not to hold the "A" Squadron Aquatic Sport on the 1st of July, as has been our custom in the past, they have been postponed till a later date towards the end of July or early in August.

The Canadian Canoe Association (Eastern Division) have decided to hold their meeting at the St. Johns Yacht Club on July 19th. It is expected that from eight to ten thousand people will attend them, and all the railways are preparing to run special



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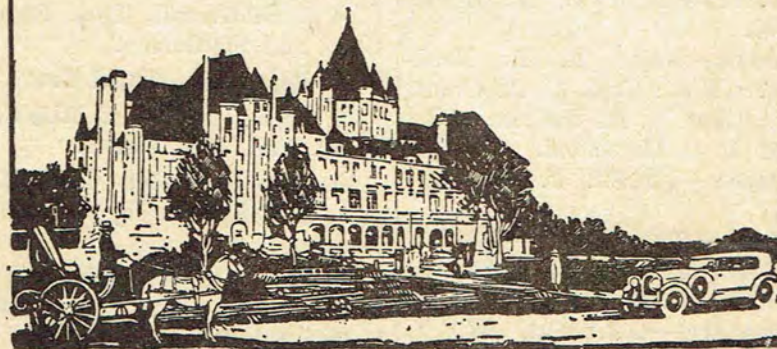
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The course on the Richelieu River runs directly in front of the Barracks, and finishes at the Yacht Club Pier, and is said to be one of the best in Canada, there being a stretch of over two miles without a turn, the river is wide, sheltered, and an even current all the way across.

Two local regattas will be held at the Yacht Club, on the 12th July and 16th August. At the latter a Marathon Tandem Canoe race will be held for the new "Jack Black Trophy" which is open to all Canoe Club in Canada; the course, about 25 miles, is from the Yacht Club Pier, around Isle aux Noix and return.

TELLS OF SEELEY'S CANADIAN TROOPS

London, June 16.— (Canadian Press).— The Earl of Birkenhead is contributing to a Sunday newspaper a series of sketches of prominent contemporaries. Yesterday he devoted himself to General Seely, who commanded a Canadian cavalry brigade during the

war. The writer genially associates him with the Three Musketeers with whom he (Seely) "would have thought himself in quite adequate company."

"I do not know," continues Birkenhead, "whether the story is true but it is said he recommended his chauffeur for the V. C. and when asked what the chauffeur had done replied with bland surprise: 'He has driven me everywhere I have been in the last three months.'"

A large portion of Lord Birkenhead's sketch is devoted to Gen. Seely's command of the cavalry brigade, the writer paying generous tribute to the gallantry of the brigade as a whole as much as to the exploits of its commander.

BRAN MASH.

Bloodthirsty.—On the first day of Camp a "soldier" who had apparently parted company both with his horse and his Regiment, staggered up to Capt. Grant, and after saluting smartly with the back of his hand, enquired:—"Please Sir, can you tell me where the 17th are fighting?"

The Instructor had explained with much detail the method of carrying out a certain Cavalry formation. Suddenly the face of one of the pupils lit up with an expression of amazement and delight, as he exclaimed:—"Why Sir, that's just the same way that they do it in the Army."

The Bridegroom:—"Would you mind if I went into the smoking car, dear?"

The Bride:—"What, to smoke?"

The Bridegroom:—"Oh, dear, no; I want to experience the agony of being away from you so that the joy of my return will be all the more intensified."

Who is the Trooper who applied for discharge on passionate grounds?

"Will you call for help if I try to kiss you?"

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Officer:—"Will you have soda, dearie?"

Sweet Young Thing:—"Yess, please."

Sweet Young Thing (after trying straw and finding it does not work, looks into officer's eyes and murmurs):—"Gee, I guess my sucker's broke."

Adjutant:—"That's a pretty rough letter we got from the G. S. O. What had we better do about it?"

C.O.—"File it."

Brown: "I see one of the philosophers says that the only way to cure yourself of a love affair is to run away. Do you believe it?" White: "Certainly—if you run away with the girl!"



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